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Subject: I favor a settlement that is as favorable to Microsoft as possible.

I am a professional software engineer who has never believed the microsoft anti-trust prosecution should have even begun. I have followed this case, including its technical merits and I find it chilling that the government ever interfered.

I believe that microsofts competitors failed through their own incompetence. By this, I mean specific technical mistakes and product quality failures which lead me away from Microsofts competitors in recommending products to my consulting clients.

Microsofts actions and behaviors have benefited me as a consumer of software and as someone who profits from enhancing and developing software. The action of the government has caused me harm by interfering with a process that was never illegal.

The actions of Microsoft are no more anti-competitive than similar actions undertaken by Sun Microsystems, Compaq, Apple, IBM, AOL and Netscape.

I think the government should settle this case and do so in a way as favorable as possible to Microsoft. I think the government should avoid similar cases in the future and allow the marketplace to make these decisions in the future. Please do not interfere with the operations of Microsoft, you only interfere with legitimate commerce and my way of earning a living as a computer programming consultant.

I have no direct interest in Microsoft. I am not an employee nor even a shareholder.

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